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1. REFTEL CLEARLY ASSUMES THAT TRANSIT OF CLARK AFB BY AIRCRAFT UNDER DOD CONTRACT/MAC CHARTER POSE NO REPEAT NO CLEARANCE PROBLEM WITH GOP. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT SEND ANY SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SUCH AIRCRAFT INTO PHILIPPINE AIR SPACE WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO GOP.

2. SUBJECT TO SAME NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT INDICATED ABOVE WE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ENVISAGE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH SHORT NOTICE TRANSIT OF MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THERE ARE OBVIOUS PROBLEMS OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT, E.G. JET FUEL AND AVGAS WHICH CAN ARISE WITH ANY SIZEABLE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT.

3. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT RECOMMEND TRANSIT OF NON-DOD/ MAC CHARTER AIRCRAFT THROUGH CLARK. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE SUCH AIRCRAFT AT CLARK WE WOULD NEED TO SEEK PHILIPPINE
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AGREEMENT UNDER BASES AGREEMENT AND WE SEE NO REPEAT NO

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MERIT IN DOING THIS ESPECIALLY SINCE SUCH AIRCRAFT CAN
TRANSIT MANILA.

4. WE WISH TO UNDERSCORE THAT WHILE WE FEEL READILY ABLE
TO MANAGE TRANSITS AT CLARK AND TRANSITS AT MANILA WE
WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE NOTIFICATION IN ORDER
TO ARRANGE FOR SMOOTHEST POSSIBLE TRANSIT.

5. ABOVE GUIDANCE IS FOR TRANSIT AIRCRAFT ONLY. ANY
ATTEMPT TO OFFLOAD OR STAGE SIZEABLE NUMBER OF 3RD COUNTRY
NATIONALS THROUGH PHILIPPINES IN ABSENCE PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH
GOP WOULD CAUSE US CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY AND COULD
JEOPARDIZE BROADER U.S. INTERESTS HERE.
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